



# CotuitCurrents

May 2023

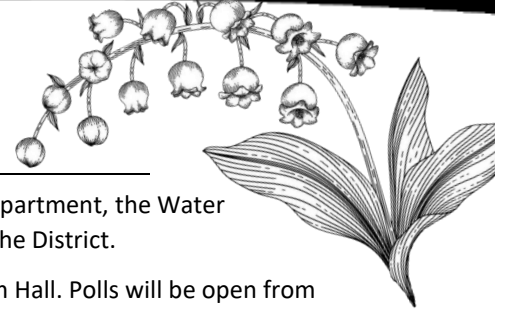
The month of May means the Cotuit Fire District's Annual Election and Annual Meeting, which take place at the end of the month. In the run-up to those events, the Cotuit Civic Association will host **Candidates and Budgets Night** on May 23 at 7:00 p.m. This year's meeting will be held virtually, on Zoom.

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Candidates and Budgets Night is your opportunity to hear officials from the Fire District's three governing bodies—the Fire Commissioners, the Water Commissioners, and the Prudential Committee—explain their proposed budgets, taxes, and warrant articles and to ask questions about them. You will also hear from and can ask questions of all the candidates who will stand for election.

This year, Jack Gardner takes over from Ken Molloy as District Moderator to run the Cotuit Fire District Annual Meeting. Jack and his wife Susan moved to Cotuit eight years ago. Jack is a retired schoolteacher, U.S. Navy veteran, former volunteer firefighter, and Secretary of the Model A Ford Club of Cape Cod. Look for Jack and Susan in the annual 4th of July parade, driving their 1930 Model A Roadster.

Carol Zais, President



## Cotuit Fire District

The Fire District's three elected Boards oversee the Fire Department, the Water Department, and the financial and general governance of the District.

**Cotuit Fire District Election** is Tuesday, May 30, at Freedom Hall. Polls will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Each year, one Fire Commissioner, one Water Commissioner, and one Prudential Committee member are elected.

**The Cotuit Fire District Annual Meeting** is Wednesday, May 31, at Freedom Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m. This year's meeting will be run by District Moderator Jack Gardner, who was elected in 2022.

The Cotuit Fire District has two standing committees that are looking for new members. Anyone interested in learning more about either the Bylaw Committee or the Policy Advisory Committee can contact Jack Gardner at [gardnersj54@gmail.com](mailto:gardnersj54@gmail.com).

**Water main flushing** continues through Friday, June 16. Flushing locations will be posted daily on [cotuitfiredistrict.org](http://cotuitfiredistrict.org) and on the Water Department Facebook page, and signs will be visible in the flushing area. Please call the water department with any questions: 508-428-2687.

## Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit

HSSC is calling for local artists to donate an 8 inch x 8 inch original artwork for an exhibit called "It's Hip to be Square" at their fundraiser, "The Taste," on July 22. The pieces will be a fixed price and the artists' names won't be revealed until after purchase, making for a fun and intriguing evening! Contact Kara Chase at [info@cotuithistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@cotuithistoricalsociety.org) if you would like to donate artwork.

The Historical Book Club will meet at the Cotuit Library on May 4 at 6:00 p.m. The book is *The American Spirit: Who We Are and What We Stand For*, by David McCullough.

Are you a people person? Do you like sharing your knowledge and teaching others about Cotuit? If so, come to Docent Day, Saturday May 20 at 10 a.m. to learn about our docent training program.

The Dottridge Homestead and Gift Shop opens for the season on May 26 at 10am. The Gift Shop will be offering last season's items at a deep discount!

The Office and Archives Room is open by appointment Monday through Friday, 10 to 4.

## Cotuit Library

Wild about Words: A workshop for those who love nature and writing. A collaboration with Barnstable Land Trust. Friday, May 5 at 2.

Make a Fairy House: Saturday, May 6 at 1. To register, please call the library or email Lindsay at [lhopkins@clamsnet.org](mailto:lhopkins@clamsnet.org). Recommended for ages 4+.

"I want to stay home! What do I need to do?" - Developing a plan for aging in place. Presented by Stacey Cullen from the Barnstable Council on Aging. Tuesday, May 9 at 10.

A Native Cape Cod Garden: Discovering the nature connection. Presented by Kristin Andres from Association to Preserve Cape Cod. Friday, May 19 at 2.

This year's *Private Gardens of Cotuit* fundraiser will take place on Saturday, June 24! Secure your passes to the beautiful properties at the early bird rate starting May 1. Visit [www.cotuitlibrary.org](http://www.cotuitlibrary.org).

## Friends of the Cotuit Library

The Annual Memorial Weekend Plant Sale will take place on Friday, May 26 from 1 to 3 and Saturday, May 27 from 10 to 3. Donations of annuals, herbs, house plants, seedlings, bulbs and shrubs may be brought to Freedom Hall on May 26 from 8:30 to 1 and May 27 from 8:30 to 10. A drawing will be held for a dish garden and gift certificate. Tickets for the drawing may be purchased during the Plant Sale. Rain or shine. Cash or checks.

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### Cotuit Kettleers

Do you have a room to rent to a Kettleers intern this summer? A bedroom is all that's needed; these young adults will take care of their own meals, laundry, and transportation. For more info, contact Leah Ridpath at [kettleersadvertising@gmail.com](mailto:kettleersadvertising@gmail.com).

Make your mark at Lowell Park! You can be a permanent part of historic Lowell Park by purchasing a paver engraved with your personal message to be placed into our new Walk of Champions. For details, visit [kettleersstore.org](http://kettleersstore.org).

### ACMYC

The Association of the Cotuit Mosquito Yacht Club has opened registration for summer sailing classes! Session dates are June 26-July 21 and July 24-August 18. Students must be at least 8 years old before the beginning of the session. Register at [www.acmyc.org](http://www.acmyc.org), or for more info, email [acmyinstructionalprogram@gmail.com](mailto:acmyinstructionalprogram@gmail.com).

### Cotuit Federated Church

Save the date! The 2023 Annual CraftFest will be held August 19 and 20.

### St Michael Orthodox Church

Weekend Services thru Sunday May 21:

Saturday Vespers, 5 p.m.

Sunday Orthros, 9 a.m.

Sunday Church School (3-11 years), 9 a.m.

Sunday Liturgy, 10 a.m.

Sunday Teen Bible Study (12-18), 12-1

Special Events

May 27, 5pm Adult Education program (4th Sunday of every month)

May 28, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Women's Group In-House Bake sale in fellowship hall and Teen Group fundraiser cookout for Project Mexico Mission Trip

Summer Schedule starts Memorial Day Weekend May 27 thru Labor Day Weekend. For a full schedule of services and activities, visit [stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule/](http://stmichaelcapecod.org/schedule/).

### Cotuit Nursery School

Cotuit Nursery School is now accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. Enrollment is limited. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 508-428-1470 or email [cotuitnurseryschool@yahoo.com](mailto:cotuitnurseryschool@yahoo.com).

### **VILLAGE CLEANUP DAY**

The Civic Association will host its annual Village Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 13, from 10 to noon (rain date: May 20). Participants will meet at Lowell Park at 10 to pick up their street assignments and equipment (trash bags, pick-up tools, and gloves). This year, the Riley's Beach Cleanup will take place at the same time, but in partnership with the Boy Scouts.



If you would like to participate, please email [cotuitevents@gmail.com](mailto:cotuitevents@gmail.com) ahead of time so we can organize coverage efficiently and have enough equipment.

### Cape Cod Academy

Registration is now open for CCA's 2023 Summer Experience. This summer, CCA is offering arts & crafts sessions, science camps, sports and wellness activities, and a variety of enrichment and educational programs. There are fitness clinics and many swim activities. One-on-one summer tutoring programs for students entering kindergarten through grade 12 are available. Our experienced summer instructors offers high-energy, educational, and fun activities for all ages. For more information: [capecodacademy.org/summer/summer-2023](http://capecodacademy.org/summer/summer-2023).

### Cahoon Museum of American Art

Printmaking Workshop for Kids, Saturday, May 6, 10:30-12, materials and museum admission included. \$35 /\$25 members

Altered Book Workshop with Carol Fitzsimonds, Wednesday, May 10, 1-4, materials and museum admission are included, and light refreshments will be served. \$70 /\$55 members

Spring Open House and Artist Reception for *Pearls Portfolio* and *Fire and Ink: Hollis Engley and Alice Nicholson Galick*, Sunday May 14, 10-4, free admission

Story Family Fun Time, Saturday, May 20, 10:30-12, free with admission

Artist Talk and Demonstration with Kim Tester, Saturday, May 20, 2-4, free with admission

Open House: Museum Mondays in May Monday, May 22, 10-4, free admission

Pouchoir (handprint with stencils) Workshop with Carol Fitzsimonds,

Wednesday, May 24, 1-4, materials and admission included. \$70 /\$55 members

Wire and Paper Flower Workshop, Saturday, May 27, 1-3, materials and admission included. \$50/40 members

### Barnstable Land Trust

Join BLT's *Words in the Wild* local poet Diane Hanna at the Cotuit Library for a nature-inspired workshop (May 5); learn how to "Read the Landscape" with Jack Ahearn, UMass Professor Emeritus, at Bell Farm (May 6); hobnob at the Volunteer Open House at Fuller Farm (May 6, 1-3 pm); hike Sandy Neck Beach (May 17); or explore Dowses Beach with Cotuit local Gil Newton (May 20) – and that isn't all! Interested in keeping Eagle Pond clean? Contact [kelly@blt.org](mailto:kelly@blt.org) to join our Learn.Leash.Lead team! Visit [blt.org](http://blt.org) for more information!

### BARS

The Barnstable Association for Recreational Shellfishing invites you to attend the 20th Annual Blessing of the Rakes on Saturday, May 6, at 7:30 a.m. at the Bridge Street Landing on Bridge Street in Osterville. Bring your shellfish rakes to be blessed by a local clergy member for a bountiful harvest.

Immediately following, attendees who bring their own equipment and have a valid shellfishing license are invited to join BARS volunteers for a low-tide early morning harvest outing. Learn more about BARS at [shellfishing.org/calendar-events/](http://shellfishing.org/calendar-events/).

### Food Waste Collection at Transfer Station

Food waste collection has the largest environmental benefit of any type of recycling. Separating food waste reduces the volume of trash going into landfills, eliminates a significant source of methane, and produces beneficial compost!

Bring your food waste to the shed at the end of the recycle area at the Barnstable Transfer Station. If you're a Barnstable resident with a Transfer Station sticker, get a free countertop bin and compostable liners at the Transfer Station office. For more information, contact the Transfer Station office at 508-420-2258.

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### **The Cotuit Civic Association welcomes your support**

Our mission is to inform and communicate; sponsors of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Christmas in Cotuit.

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